

### **43.45 Canvass of votes.**

1. Upon the closing of the polls the precinct election officials shall immediately publicly canvass the vote. The canvass shall be conducted using the procedures established in this section which are appropriate for the voting system used in the precinct.
2. In precincts where paper ballots are used, precinct election officials shall do all of the following:
  - a. Place the ballots of the several political parties in separate piles.
  - b. Separately count the ballots of each party, and make the correct entries thereof on the tally sheets.
  - c. Certify the number of votes cast upon the ticket of each political party for each candidate for each office.
  - d. Place the ballots cast on behalf of each of the parties in separate envelopes. Seal each envelope and place the signature of all board members of the precinct across the seal of the envelope so that it cannot be opened without breaking the seal.
  - e. On the outside of each envelope enter the number of ballots cast by each party in the precinct and contained in the envelope.
  - f. Seal the tally sheets and certificates of the precinct election officials in an envelope on the outside of which are written or printed the names of the several political parties with the names of the candidates for the different offices under their party name, and opposite each candidate's name enter the number of votes cast for such candidate in the precinct.
  - g. Enter on the envelope the total number of voters of each party who cast ballots in the precinct.
  - h. Communicate the results in the manner required by section 50.11, to the commissioner of the county in which the polls are located, who shall remain on duty until the results are communicated to the commissioner from each polling place in the county.
3. In precincts where voting machines are used, precinct election officials shall do all of the following:
  - a. Close the machines to prevent additional voting, and print the results for the precinct.
  - b. Tabulate all write-in votes. If necessary, add the votes, including write-in votes, from all machines to obtain the total number of votes cast in the precinct by the members of each political party for each office on the ballot.
  - c. Put any forms used by voters to cast write-in votes in an envelope with one copy of the printed results from each voting machine. Seal the envelope and place the signature of all board members of the precinct across the seal of the envelope so that it cannot be opened without breaking the seal.
  - d. On the outside of the envelope enter the number of voters from each party in the precinct. Report the number of votes cast for each office by the voters of each political party. A copy of the printed tape from the voting machine may be used to report vote totals.
  - e. Communicate the results to the commissioner in the manner required by section 50.11. The commissioner shall remain on duty until the results are communicated to the commissioner from each polling place in the county.
4. In precincts where electronic voting systems are used and ballots are counted in the precinct, precinct

election officials shall do all of the following:

- a.* Close and secure the ballot reader to prevent the insertion of additional ballots.
  - b.* Print the results for the precinct.
  - c.* Open the ballot container. Secure all ballots counted by the vote-tabulating device. Sort the remaining ballots by party. Tally all write-in votes and any other ballots not yet counted. Record the results in the tally list.
  - d.* Put all ballots in an envelope or other package and seal it. All members of the board shall sign their names across the seal of the envelope. The seal shall be placed so that the envelope or package cannot be opened without breaking the seal.
5. In precincts where electronic voting systems are used and ballots are counted at a central location, precinct election officials shall follow the procedures in section 52.32.

[S13, § 1087-a17; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **573**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 43.45]

87 Acts, ch 221, §2; 89 Acts, ch 136, §14; 2002 Acts, ch 1134, §9, 115; 2003 Acts, ch 44, §21, 22